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MARGINAL COLUMN

By LEO BEN-DOR

WHO shot Dr. Kastner?

WHO preaches assassination? Let it not be altogether forgotten that we still have the assassin's hands of an underground movement. Under an obstructive foreign government, terrorism flourishes in this country. The frustration was genuine: Jews could not make their own decisions and carry them out. In 1948 most of the supporters of the I.L.L. terrorists saw their opportunity, and turned themselves into a legal, if occasionally violent, political party.

Lately the underground has been quiescent. It is never homogeneous. The people who place anti-Russian pamphlets in crates of oranges on their way to Russia - futile, but harmful to the export trade - may not be the ones who placed a bomb in a car on the way to the assassins of Bernadotte.

There are circles, again. I who preach that the men on top are stupid, cowardly, wicked, corrupt, defunct. Destroy their rule, and - it goes without saying, and is rarely said - you may have a chance of getting into office yourself. The view that you cannot hope for any change by means of political parties and persuasion of the public has been put about by a strange collection of would-be prophets, united by nothing much but their dislike either of Mapai or simply of government in general.

What are the factors that have contributed to this mood? Remnants of I.L.L. certainly, who remember the "good old days" when their party was the most powerful in the country. Just as the Egyptian and Egyptian forces have been able to do since. Certainly Sharm el-Sheikh, which was a flourish and gained publicity not through work in the desert, but by a systematic propaganda campaign that the most important thing in Israel today is the corruption, or alleged corruption of some office-holders. Certainly Mr. A. Ben-Zion, the lawyer who attacked Michael Greenwald against Kastner, who likes to carry on both sides of the conversation in court. He is not content with asking the question but has all the answers ready too. If the answers given are not those he planned, he can get very impatient with the court. The upshot invariably is that his opponent is a pretty despicable creature, but has the favor of the powers that be, and therefore is not branded for the evil-doer that he is. The conclusion for the common man is obvious, except that the common man has tired of this routine.

All that is not by any means to say that any of these groups or individuals have had anything direct or tangible to do with the attempt to kill Dr. Kastner. Far from it. But they have helped to create the atmosphere in which young men can be recruited for such crimes. Mr. Kastner himself identified the connection between politics and the trial in an interview on the trial's anniversary published in "The Jewish Chronicle" yesterday. He declared that at a time of retreat from Sinai, of a great trial, and of the pending judgment on Dr. Kastner's appeal against the court's findings, it was not surprising that certain thoughts and memories of earlier times.

The error of the present underground was to assume as a light-heartedness that this is a time of defeat and frustration in which it can hope to fight its way to the top, and that the new order in Israel is based on worthless. Not that an attack on an unspectacular and easy victim as Dr. Kastner could fire the imagination of the youth of this country, most of whom have been called upon to perform more dangerous tasks in their army service. In any case, Dr. Kastner and his period means much to Mr. Greenwald and his generation, but not to that of the next young man who fired the four shots. If there is an upsurge of feeling, it will be against such cruel holocausts.

Those responsible for the crime are likely enough to be caught and punished. But it is a different picture and a hatred of this State and its institutions that should cause people to think deeply concerning the difference between government and a rebellion full of danger to our future.

Jerusalem, March 5.

Mollet Warns Of 'Pan-Arab' Danger

OTTAWA, Monday (Reuter). - The French Prime Minister, M. Guy Mollet, told a joint meeting of the Canadian Senate and Commons today that it was the duty of all free nations to oppose the subversive actions of "pan-Arabism," which were a vehicle for Communist infiltration in the Middle East.

Mollet, who is visiting Canada after talks with President Eisenhower, said that "Cairo and Damascus, the sources of pan-Arabism," had become the strongest bridgehead of the Soviet Union in the Middle East.

The economic integration of Europe, he went on, would result in greater trade with North America and guarantee the North Atlantic alliance.

Mollet said the presence of the U.N. Emergency Force in the Middle East made it possible to avoid a return to the situation existing before the Israeli action last autumn, and that the force must be used to conclude a general peace settlement.

At a press conference, the French Premier said that so far as he understood Israel's position on withdrawal from Egyptian territory, he supported it. "They are just opposed to the idea of a return to the status quo ante. It is so I approve."

He added, "I have understood from President Eisenhower, either in statements he has made or in our talks, that Israel must withdraw from Egypt without guarantees."

He said he did not consider the United Nations, as now established, to be a fit organization for the world peace, but it was useful as a forum for discussions.

Speaking on a television programme in Quebec last night, M. Mollet declared that his recent talks with President Eisenhower had left him "optimistic" but not with an exaggerated view of the Middle East situation.

He said that he was against the idea of a high-level Soviet-U.S. conference to resolve the Middle East crisis, although the question did not come up during the talks in Washington. "If it had been raised, I would have voiced my objection," he declared.

Four Suspects Detained In Kastner Attack

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Monday. - Police this morning detained four young men following the shooting and serious wounding of Dr. Israel Kastner at the entrance to his home shortly after midnight.

Dr. Kastner was hit by a revolver bullet fired at a range of about two meters. He had an almost miraculous escape as the weapon was pointed directly at his head by the assassin. He reached the Hadassah Municipal Hospital half an hour later.

Professor Max Marcus and Dr. Moshe Solovitchik operated on the wounded man for three hours during the night. None of the four men arrested so far are of Hungarian origin, it was learned from police sources tonight.

Their ages range from 20 to 30. Dr. Kastner, it will be remembered, was the central figure in the trial against the Hungarian Nazis in the destruction of Hungarian Jewry during the war.

The appeal of Dr. I. Kastner against the decision of Judge Benyamini Halevi, which exonerated Mr. Greenwald on three out of four counts, is a new pending judgment from the Supreme Court.

The attack took place ten minutes after midnight. Dr. Kastner arrived home in his car from the editorial offices of "Davar," the Hungarian language daily, where he is night editor. He took several colleagues to their homes returning alone to his own flat.

Dr. Kastner told Police from his post-operation room that he had been shot in the chest and arm. He was taken to the hospital by a car and a man approached and asked him "Are you Dr. Kastner?"

When he replied "Yes," the man pointed a revolver at him and fired. Dr. Kastner turned to flee. The bullet entered the roof of the car, the third hit Dr. Kastner in the left side below the heart, and a further bullet again missed, before he fell to the ground. Rehov Amsterdam, Dr. Kastner shouted for help and collapsed.

Meanwhile, a tenant at 7 Rehov Amsterdam, Mr. A. Herskowitz, saw a man run off towards a jeep waiting in Rehov Amsterdam. He followed the man and saw several men jump out of the jeep and disperse into the side street. Mr. Herskowitz ran to the nearest telephone booth and called the Police.

Dayan and Burns Draw Up Plan For Complete Withdrawal of Israel Forces

Jerusalem Post Reporter

NEW YORK, Monday. - The Israel Foreign Minister, Mr. Golda Meir, told the U.N. General Assembly today that Maj.-Gen. Burns, U.N.E.F. Commander, and the Israel Chief of Staff, Maj.-Gen. Moshe Dayan, had drawn up a full agreement as to the technical details regarding Israel's withdrawal from the Gaza Strip and Sharm el-Sheikh area and the take-over by U.N.E.F.

She made the announcement in a brief statement when she addressed the Assembly, the first speaker in its resumed debate on the Middle East. Mrs. Meir was followed by Commander Allan Noble, British Minister of State, who said that Britain shared the view of the U.S. and France that the Straits of Tiran must be regarded as an international waterway through which the vessels of all nations have a right of passage.

Britain would "assert this right on behalf of all British shipping," he declared. The British representative stated that his Government "assumes that when Israeli Forces are withdrawn from Sharm el-Sheikh area, units of the U.N. Emergency Force will be stationed there. Commander Noble declared that "there is no reason to think that any attempt will be made to interfere with free and innocent passage through the Straits."

Backs Israel on Gaza. As for the Gaza Strip, the British delegate stated, "It seems to us that the assumptions and expectations of the Government of Israel in regard to the Gaza Strip are reasonable and should present no difficulties."

Pointing out that the population in the Gaza Strip has a very high proportion of Arab refugees, Commander Noble expressed confidence that an area UNEF will have the full co-operation of U.N. Relief and Works Agency. He said, "We are reluctant to say that the future with obstacles might be placed in the path of the U.N. once the Israel withdrawal has been effected, and pending final settlement in regard to the Gaza Strip or some overall settlement between the parties."

In the meantime, it is certain that the U.N. shall continue to exercise its responsibilities in the Gaza Strip being transferred from Israel. Were any difficulties that might be raised, we should certainly expect them to be brought at once to the U.N. for consideration, and we quite understand that the U.N. should reserve its rights in regard to such an eventuality.

Commander Noble also said that British troops would be stationed in the Gaza Strip as part of the U.N. Emergency Force. He said that the U.N. Commissioner should be appointed for the Gaza Strip.

Mr. Ceylan representative, Mr. Gunewardene, welcomed the Israel statement, but said that the Dayan-Burns meeting was not enough. The General Assembly must remain in session until final withdrawal of Israel troops, he suggested.

He added that the issue was withdrawal of troops from Egyptian territory, and not the plan that might be adopted thereafter.



Withdrawal Timetable was decided upon at a meeting between Maj.-Gen. Burns and Rav-Aluf Dayan, held in the Lydda Airport Hotel yesterday afternoon. The two Generals are shown as they emerged from their 70-minute conference.

Photo by Rubinev

Status Quo Ante Impossible

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

TEL AVIV, Monday. - The gamble of withdrawal - if it is to be a more complicated background than a mere yielding to pressure. The political atmosphere has changed so much since last November that a pure and simple return to the pre-Sinai state of affairs is impossible. This alone is a major achievement, though the main object of the campaign - peace - is hardly in sight.

People who know (or think they know) the Egyptians have no doubt that peace would have followed the Sinai campaign almost immediately had it been for the intervention of the great powers how mistaken they were in their handling of the situation.

Had Israel stayed 10 kms. from the Canal, her bargaining power would have been much greater, and the chances of an unobstructed passage through the Canal of all nationalities much more secure than at present. But political realities prefer not to cry over spilt milk and look to the future with open eyes.

The major factor is that Egypt is a nation now in a state of transition. In spite of the fact that she is a nation, she is a nation in transition, and she is a nation in transition. The shadow of the past is still visible over the Gulf of Akaba, and one could only say for certain that it had been dispelled a few months older at this moment.

Israel Church Heads Issue Peace Call

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Freedom for Israel and every other nation in the world is the right of the free and unhampered economic development constitute the conditions for a lasting peace. The Church leaders in Israel, in a letter sent to the U.N. Secretary General on Sunday, urged the U.N. to take action to achieve effective peace.

An urgent call was issued to Christian Churches throughout the world for prayer and moral support for those seeking to find a solution.

The letter was signed by Rev. W. G. A. de Bock, Church of Scotland; Rev. W. C. Church of the Nazareth; Rev. J. Whitfield Foster, Pentecostal Mission; Rev. J. B. Fenwick, Assembly of God.

Pull-Out Begins at Once

By MOSHE LEVIN, Jerusalem Post Reporter

The complete withdrawal from the Gaza Strip and Sharm el-Sheikh, to begin immediately, was arranged yesterday afternoon at a meeting of the Chief of Staff, Rav-Aluf Moshe Dayan, and the Commander of the U.N. Emergency Force, Maj.-Gen. E.L.M. Burns.

The meeting was called by Rav-Aluf Dayan on the instructions of Prime Minister Ben-Gurion, issued at noon yesterday. Five hours later Gen. Burns flew into Lydda Airport in a single-engine De Havilland plane and with his three aides entered into conference with Rav-Aluf Dayan in a room on the second floor of the Lydda Airport Hotel.

The two generals emerged after 70 minutes to face a battery of newspapermen and cameras. Rav-Aluf Dayan was silent. Gen. Burns, standing merely that the time and method of the withdrawal had been fixed. He would give no further details, saying he would discuss the matter with the U.N. Secretary-General, Mr. Dag Hammarskjold.

In reply to questions, General Burns stated that Rav-Aluf Dayan and he would meet again if such a meeting was required. Asked whether the Egyptians would be returning to the Gaza Strip in the wake of the U.N. Emergency Force, Gen. Burns replied, "I have nothing to say."

The meeting was concerned with technical details of the withdrawal, on which agreement was reached. Burns Stayed Overnight. Gen. Burns then left for Jerusalem, since it was too dark to fly back to El Arish, Sinai headquarters of the U.N.E.F. Command. In Jerusalem, he stayed at the N. Truce Supervision Headquarters where he was once Chief of Staff. He is expected to send his report to U.N. Headquarters in New York tomorrow morning to El Arish to begin moving his troops into the Gaza Strip.

Rav-Aluf Dayan drove immediately to Jerusalem where he reported to Prime Minister Ben-Gurion. In the capital, it was said that the withdrawal would begin at once, and in fact the first units were seen. As much as a fortnight, it was reported that preparations for withdrawal had begun in the Gaza Strip.

The U.N. Emergency Force will be carried out in stages. During the transfer to the U.N. Command the Israeli troops will give their full cooperation. It is expected that the U.N. will ask for assistance from Israel in running the period for the withdrawal of the Strip for a certain period, and that Israel will be requested to provide electric power for the period for the withdrawal of the Strip for a certain period, and that Israel will be requested to provide electric power for the period for the withdrawal of the Strip for a certain period.

To Take Three Weeks. In political circles, the capital, it was said, there was no question of a sudden withdrawal from the Strip. While there has been no mention of the period for the withdrawal of the operation from Gaza, three weeks was being generally regarded as the time required to finish much of the job. The evacuation includes both civilian and military personnel.

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It was said that at the Cabinet meeting held on Sunday afternoon no decision had been made, and another meeting was scheduled for yesterday morning. On Sunday, Mr. (Continued on Page 2, Col. 2)

4 Britons Committed To Face Spy Trial

Jerusalem Post Reporter

CAIRO, Monday (Reuter). - The four British men accused of spying against Egypt were committed for trial today. Eleven Egyptians and a Yugoslav ex-army colonel, charged with the same crime, were also committed for trial.

The date of the trial was not fixed, and the court decided that the pending trial of the accused would remain under detention except for one Egyptian who was granted bail.

For more than five months, as James Swinburn, 51, Cairo business manager of the Anglo-Egyptian Press Syndicate, 46, of the Marconi Telegraph Co. of Egypt; James Zarb, 37, Maltese businessman, and John Stanley, 40, British Presidential Life Assurance Co.

Four other Britons are being tried in absentia. When the court's decision was read out, one of the Egyptian accused, Ahmed Lutfi, said, "The press must demand that our trial should be open and not secret."

U Nu: Peace With China Essential. RANGOON, Monday (Reuter). - The Burmese Prime Minister, U Nu, told the Chamber of Deputies today that the frontier demarcation problem with China was a matter of life and death for our (Burmese) union.

French Kill 267 Algerian Rebels

ALGER, Monday (Reuter). - Security forces killed 267 insurgents and captured 478 in Algeria during the week-end, according to press reports received in Algiers today.

Seventy-five were killed in a battle near Guelma in the wilaya Nememcha, mountain of south-eastern Algeria, near the Tunisian border. Another 23 died, according to first reports, in operations following an ambush near Aumale, 10 kms south-east of Algiers, in which 13 soldiers were killed.

Twenty more insurgents were killed in fighting near Duplex, on the coast between Cherchell and Tenez in Western Algeria, where 20 soldiers were killed in an ambush three days ago.

A grenade injured eight people in a cinema yesterday at Bone. An order calling for civilians for local self-defence in towns was signed yesterday by M. Barot, Prefect of the Algiers region. The order demanded that every block of buildings would be ready to defend neighbours and help police and security forces, according to the scheme.

Communist Danger Unabated - SEATO. WELLINGTON, New Zealand, Monday (Reuter). - The South-East Asia Treaty Organization (SEATO) declared today that "an all-out campaign" of Communist subversion was being waged in the area covered by the eight-nation alliance.

But in its second annual report SEATO said that Communism had "made no substantial progress in member countries" during the year under review, though the situation in the area covered by the treaty is "less satisfactory."

Arab Gun-Runner Killed in Negev

Jerusalem Post Reporter

An Israel patrol intercepted a camel caravan of gun-runners in the southwestern Negev on Sunday night, killing one of the drivers and seizing one of the camels laden with arms and munitions, the Army spokesman announced yesterday. The remainder of the caravan was making its way from Gaza to the Hebron hills in Jordan when it ran into the patrol near Halutza.

Strapped to the dead camels were seven rifles of English manufacture, seven Belgian semi-automatic rifles, two Czech rifles and a quantity of 192 mm. ammunition. A search of the body of the dead Arab produced an Egyptian identity card issued in Rafah.

In Amman today, the Jordanian government said that an Israel patrol of 14 men, driving a jeep, was ambushed in the Negev area and that five was exchanged. No casualties were reported on the Jordan side.

Segregationist Leader Attacks U.S. Jews. CHICAGO, Monday (Reuter). - An anti-segregationist leader of the Ku Klux Klan, speaking at a meeting in Florida today, attacked the U.S. Government for its policy of segregation, saying that the U.S. Government was "not doing enough to protect the rights of the Negro."

He went on to attack the "radical-minded Jewish and Communist controlled Supreme Court" for its segregationist rulings and accused President Eisenhower for his civil rights policy.

U.S. Again Denies Any Private Deal

WASHINGTON, Monday. - The State Department spokesman, Mr. Lincoln White, said today that the U.S. had made no private arrangement to win Israel's withdrawal from Gaza and the Gulf of Akaba.

Mr. White was asked at his press conference about a report that Secretary of State Dulles told Israel's Ambassador, Mr. Abba Eban, on Saturday that the U.S. opposed an Egyptian return to the Gaza Strip.

He replied that "there are no private understandings or agreements between the U.S. and Israel regarding the Gaza Strip."

League Rejects U.N. Rule in Gaza. CAIRO, Monday (UP). - The Arab League secretary-general today announced that it opposed U.N. administration of Gaza and the enforcement of freedom of navigation of the Gulf of Akaba.

undertakings on the part of the Government in any way, shape or form. Meanwhile, a spokesman for the U.S. delegation to the U.N. said in New York that nothing had been decided on the U.S. position on the Gaza Strip.

He was referring to reports that an allusion to Israel's right of self-defence under Article 51 of the U.N. Charter had been stricken out of the last moment.

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